

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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DAVID TOMS (-5)

Q. Tell us how you were feeling out there on the course today.

DAVID TOMS: It was good. Anytime you shoot 5 under par, you've got to feel good about it. But some work to do off the tee, hit a couple bad drives and luckily recovered. I could have got in big trouble a couple times today, so I need to work that out either this evening or in the morning and come back tomorrow and shoot a low round.

Q. I know you're obviously a newcomer to the Champions Tour. Is this actually your first event?

DAVID TOMS: No, no, this is my second year out here. But I played here many times over the years. My caddie's from the Detroit area, so we've been coming here for a long time.

Q. How did the course feel and look compared to what you're used to in the past?

DAVID TOMS: Very similar to always. You know what holes play tough, you know what holes you have to take advantage of, and obviously you've got to get the ball in the fairway. They're giving us a little bit of break, there may have been a few trees removed out there, but there's still quite a lot and the rough's up, so really have to keep it in play.

Q. How were the fans and stuff compared to what you were used to in the past?

DAVID TOMS: Very good. I mean, they're very supportive and knowledgeable about the game. A lot of the members come out and support the event, so they know about the golf course. We had a great day in the pro-am and then it carried over to today. A lot of people out there rooting us on.

Q. No. 14, you got that tree from God right out there in the middle of the fairway on the right-hand side. Does that come into play at all for you?

DAVID TOMS: Oh, yeah, because I can't hit it far enough to get up to it, so it's always in my way. Get it down the left side. It's a risk-reward kind of hole. If you can get the ball down there in the fairway, you've got a chance to make an easy birdie or a chance at eagle.

Q. What about the gallery out there? I mean, there are a lots of people. Did you hear them in the background? Did that pump you up at all?

DAVID TOMS: I mean, you always know what's going on over there on 17 and 8, the two par 3s, so you hear a lot going on when guys do well. But it's nice to have people out and

support the Champions Tour. We've been coming here for a long time, so it's nice to see some familiar faces and just nice to have the support.